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The Remarks *on the* Paris Mercure *continued.*

I Undertook in Yesterday's Courant to refute the French Author's Assertion that the Emperour is unable to furnish in any tolerable Measure his Share of Troops towards the carrying on of the present War: And to do it effectually, I set down the Number of Forces his Imperial Majesty furnishes to the Duke of Savoy and to the Armies under the Elector of Hanover and Prince Eugene. I come now in course to examine what our Author advances touching those two Armies. His Words are; ' 'Twas not for Want ' of Will in the Emperour that some Effects of his Or- ' dinary Violence did not break out in the Diet of ' Ratisbon; for he sent an Imperial Decree to the ' Duke of Hanover to compel the Diet at Ratisbon to ' furnish extraordinary Contributions, in order to hire ' Troops for augmenting the Army on the Rhine; but ' that Duke did not think fit to send that Decree to ' Ratisbon, that he might not irritate the Diet against ' himself, being oblig'd to keep fair with that Assem- ' bly, because he expects one Day to be admitted into ' it in the Quality of ninth Elector: So there is no ' Cause to believe, that the Army of the Empire will ' be stronger than that commanded by the Elector of ' Bavaria. As for the Army on the Moselle, 'tis a ' Project the Allies form'd but very lately; and being ' started before they had any Forces to make up that ' Army, Prince Eugene was empower'd, in his Return ' to Vienna to treat in divers Courts for Troops; but ' the greatest Part of those Negociations not taking ' Effect, 'tis not likely, that if there should be an Ar- ' my on that side, it will be of more than 18 or 20000 ' Men: But no Stores being provided for that Army, ' because the Scheme is but of Yesterday, in all Ap- ' pearance the Allies should entertain no great Hope, ' and the two Crowns but little Fear from it.

Nothing is more absurd than this Author's Notion of the Violence of an Imperial Decree to compel the Diet at Ratisbon to furnish Contributions. The Case is this; The Elector of Hanover having taken on him the Command of the Army of the Empire, did after the last Campaign consider what Supplies of all sorts were necessary to put that Army into a Condition of acting with due Vigour, and propos'd to the Diet the furnishing the Chest of War with a Million of Rix-dollars formerly voted by the Diet, and raising a fur- ther Sum of 300000 Rixdollars; the Diet approving his Proposal pass'd a Resolution accordingly; and with it another Resolution, that the Elector of Hanover should by military Execution, agreeably to the Con- stitutions of the Empire, compel those Members of the Germanick Body who should be refractory or negli- gent, to furnish their Contingents to the common Charge. The Emperour confirm'd these Resolutions by his Imperial Decree; in doing which he perform'd the ordinary Functions of Head of the Empire, whose Office it is to enforce all the Resolutions of the Diet, especially in Time of War; and he would have been justly blam'd by his Allies had he not done it. By what our Author therefore terms an Effect of the Emperour's ordinary Violence, we are (with Re- gard to his Malice) to understand an Act of his just Authority; and indeed by this Rule of Contraries we are generally to interpret whatever else he says of the House of Austria: So also by his Phrase of the Diet of the Empire, we are (with Regard to his Ignorance) to understand the Members of the Germanick Body. And if the Elector of Hanover has not, as Generalis- simo of the Army of the Empire, put that Decree in Execution against any of those Members; it proceeds from the manly Motives of Good Nature, Modera- tion, and Forbearance to use Compulsion without an absolute Necessity, which Necessity it may well be hop'd he does not find; but 'tis a poor Insinuation of the French Author, that his Electoral Highness is govern'd in this Matter by the Motive of keeping fair with the Diet of the Empire, that they may admit him as a Ninth Elector. In Fact, his Electoral High- ness concerns himself so little for that Admission, that in his Letters to the Diet, pressing them to provide sufficiently and seasonably for the due Supply of his Army with all Necessaries, he has never recommended any thing to them, but the consulting the Honour of the Empire and the Good of the common Cause; nor ask'd any thing of them, but to enable him to render solid Service to both: And any Man, but our French Author, would have imagin'd, that his Electoral High- ness in exchanging an orderly and easy Course of Life, for the Fatigues and Hazards of the Field, has Views of much greater Consequence than that only of esta- blishing the Ninth Electorate. I will say the less of the Army design'd for the Moselle, because that Pro- ject is alter'd: Only I shall observe, for our Author's Mortification, that according to his Scheme that Army should be considerable; because the Negociations for Troops in several Courts of Germany (whether trans- acted by Prince Eugene or any other Person,) did not for the greatest Part fail of Effect: We are sure they suc- ceeded at Dusseldorp, Cassel, Stutgard, and Wurtzbourg, for no small Bodies of Men; and we never heard of any other Court but that of Leipsick, that refus'd the Offers made, and the Offers there were only for 3000 Horse.

The French Author leads me next to consider the State of Affairs in the Kingdom of Naples, which he represents thus ' the Germans stand in Need of a greater ' Number of Troops than they have in that Kingdom ' to hinder a general Revolt, which cannot fail to hap- ' pen there in a little Time; for 'tis to be observ'd ' that the Hearts of the People, and even of the greatest ' Part of the Nobility are not for the House of Austria; ' and that the Kingdom having sunk under the Efforts ' of Traitors, made a Virtue of Necessity, in acknow- ' ledging the Archduke for their Sovereign. Besides, ' had the Neapolitans as much Affection for the Arch- ' duke as they have Aversion for him in their Hearts, ' they would find themselves by Necessity oblig'd to ' cast off Obedience to the House of Austria, without ' which they must inevitably perish by Famine, if Si- ' cily remain in the Hands of Philip V. And there ' being no Likelihood of that Island's being forc'd to ' change its Master, 'tis impossible the Kingdom of ' Naples can subsist much longer, unless to avoid Star- ' ving the People find Means to shake off the Yoke im- ' pos'd on them by Traitors; and unless those Traitors ' themselves, to escape dying of Hunger, contrive a ' Way to return to the Obedience of their lawful So- ' vereign.

The Revolt of the Neapolitans to the House of Au- stria, was so general and unanimous, that when our Author says it was brought about by Traytors, he is in the right to add that the very Traytors themselves must help to make a new Revolution; for indeed the Num- ber of those Trators is little less than the whole Nation. In the mean time the German Troops are not so hard put to it as our Author affirms, to keep Possession of the Kingdom; for besides 2000 Horse which are with- drawn from thence to Lombardy, a strong detach- ment has been employ'd in the Reduction of Porto- Longone &c. I allow that the Neapolitans are under some Hardships from their Coasts being infested by the Sicilians: But those Hardships are not near so great as Author would suggest; and if they were, the Exam- ple of the Catalonians shews, that Men who have thrown off Obedience to a Usurper and submitted to their rightful Sovereign, can patiently endure much and long, while their Superiours are able to give them plain Reasons that 'tis no Fault of theirs they are not reliev'd, and fair Assurances that their Allies who are able to relieve them, will do it assoon as the Seasons and ordinary Course of things will permit.

Thus I have answer'd as briefly as I could in the lit- tle Time I have at my disposal, what the French Au- thor had advanc'd, with Relation to the State of the War in Piemont, the Empire, and Naples, I may add in some measure the Netherlands, because the Army design'd for the Moselle is now to act there; and I have chosen to do it in a serious Manner, having no other Aim than to make Truth appear. I avoid fondly pro- phecying good Success to the Allies this Campaign from all those Quarters, where things bear so promi- sing an Aspect; as well because 'tis beneath a Man to answer one Foolery by another, that is, to oppose the French Author's Conjectures with contrary Guesses; as because not only Integrity, Courage, Wisdom, Vi- gilance, and Diligence, but the over-ruling Hand of Heaven also is requisite to bring human Affairs, be they in never so fair a Train, to a happy Issue.

I pass over the foul Language the French Author be- stows on Count Martinitz, Count Thaun, and Cardinal Grimani; as also his rude Reflections on the Queen of Spain;

Spain; becauſe having already ſhewn the Publick that he is utterly depriv'd of the Faculty of ſpeaking Truth, 'tis hardly worth while to inform them that he is alſo under the leſſer Misfortune of having no Sence of Decency and good Manners. But I ſhall not ſo eaſily part with the Picture he has given us of the Condition of thoſe People who live under the Government of the Emperour, or of his or King Charles's Miniſters. He ſays 'The Inhabitants of the Milaneze, are kept by 'Force under the inſupportable Yoke of the Houſe of 'Auſtria — 'The Neapolitans are unable any longer 'to indure the Exactions of the Miniſters of the 'Houſe of Auſtria, who at the ſame Time they are 'enriching themſelves, lay Taxes in the Name of the 'Emperour, and demand Free-Gifts beſides, according 'to the Cuſtom of the Houſe of Auſtria; So that his 'Subjects are always afraid of his having Children born, 'or of their Marrying, becauſe they are oppreſs'd with 'the Free-Gifts which the Emperours extort on ſuch 'Occaſions. Of this the Marriage of the Archduke 'affords an Example, to the Extreme Vexation of thoſe 'Subjects of the Houſe of Auſtria that have any Sub-'ſtance, who are oblig'd to furniſh extraordinarily all 'the Expences of the Voyage and of the Marriage.

Of what Weight the Yoke of the Houſe of Auſtria is, will beſt appear by putting it into the Balance with that of the Houſe of Bourbon. [*Which ſhall be the Subject of our next.*]

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